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NOTE FOR: Acting Director

FROM: Dave Gries

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SUBJECT: Opening statement for your confirmation hearing

I have read through the statement you presented at your confirmation hearing for DDCI. After the introduction, you covered Congressional oversight, your qualifications to be DDCI, the intelligence policymaker relationship, the cost of turf battles, the role of intelligence in a changing world, the rebuilding of American intelligence and the calibre of intelligence personnel.

For the current hearing, you should consider repeating and expanding on the Congressional oversight section, again placing it as the first subject. One subject for expansion in this section is your concept of the notification procedure and your definition of "timely fashion". Another subject for inclusion is whether and when you would correct the record in the event that you or other intelligence personnel discovered that they had misled Congress.

At staff meeting you recounted the President's two injunctions to you: present policymakers with unvarnished intelligence, regardless of whether it supports current policy; and arrange to meet directly with the President whenever the situation warrants. I believe you should share these two points with the Committee. You could also work into this section a statement that the DCI is an adviser, not a policymaker.

You might also add a section describing where the world of intelligence is headed, drawing on material from your speech that John Ranelagh included in his book on the CIA.

Other subjects that you could include are the problem of leaks (an expansion on what you said at your confirmation hearing as DDCI) and the Intelligence Community in historical perspective (how it has grown as an organization and where you expect to take it).

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